

TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE TRUST FUND

ACTION
Agenda Item G-4
February 5, 2001

Recommendation

The staff recommends that the council approve the following allocations from the 1998-2000 General Fund appropriation to the Technology Initiative Trust Fund:

- \$650,000 for academic program development, which may address the statewide strategy on engineering education.
- \$300,000 for the development and administration of surveys that support the key indicators.
- \$100,000 for the council's Web development.
- \$400,000 for degree audit and course transfer systems.
- \$100,000 for local P-16 councils.

Background

The Technology Initiative Trust Fund (KRS 164.7921) is the most broadly drawn of the six original strategic initiative and investment trust funds. For the 1998-2000 biennium, \$20.3 million was appropriated to the trust fund to implement a statewide technology infrastructure, for improvements to campus technology infrastructures, and to develop the Kentucky Virtual University and the Kentucky Virtual Library. It also includes language that permits its use for efforts that support the system's strategic agenda. The language of the trust fund reads in part:

(1) (b) to provide funding for the Commonwealth Virtual University . . . and other programs consistent with the purposes of postsecondary education, the adopted strategic agenda, and the biennial budget process.

As shown in the recommendation, the council staff recommends the allocation of the majority of the remaining funds to five activities that are consistent with the adopted strategic agenda.

As of July 1, 2000, approximately \$6.1 million remains in the trust fund, including interest income. The approved and recommended allocations from the 1998-2000 trust fund appropriation are shown on the following schedule. These allocations were presented to the Finance Committee for discussion at its January 16 meeting.

As shown, \$3.66 million of the remaining funds will be needed to complete the 1998-2000 projects, which are primarily related to the Kentucky Virtual University and the Kentucky Virtual Library. During the 2000 session of the General Assembly, the council agreed to fund several activities from the trust fund, most notably equal educational opportunities such as the Southern Regional Education Board Faculty Diversity Program and a mathematics diagnostic test authorized by the budget bill, House Bill 502, but not funded.

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**Council on Postsecondary Education
Technology Initiative Trust Fund
1998-2000 General Fund Appropriation
Allocations as of February 5, 2001**

<u>Category / Projects</u>	<u>Estimated Scope</u>	<u>Estimated Completion Date</u>
1998-2000 Continuation Projects		
KCTCS		
Network Extension to Technical Colleges	\$ 160,000	December, 2000
Server Support	150,000	July, 2000
Total KCTCS	<u>\$ 310,000</u>	
KYVU / KYVL		
Course Development	\$ 1,500,000	December, 2000
Endeavor (Back-up Server and Training)	127,000	December, 2000
Cooperative Degree Programming	370,000	December, 2000
Information Literacy	150,000	December, 2000
Internet Provider Service	235,000	January, 2001
Operating Budget	518,000	December, 2000
Student Recruitment	250,000	December, 2000
Web Development	200,000	December, 2000
Total KYVU / KYVL	<u>\$ 3,350,000</u>	
Total 1998-2000 Continuation Projects	\$ 3,660,000	
Additional Projects Approved by the Council		
CPE - Mathematics Diagnostic Test	\$ 200,000	April, 2001
Equal Educational Opportunity Programs	411,000	May, 2002
Total Additional Projects Approved by the Council	\$ 611,000	
Recommended Allocations		
Academic Program Development	\$ 650,000	June, 2002
Assessment Surveys	300,000	March, 2001
CPE Web Development	100,000	February, 2001
Degree Audit and Course Transfer Systems	400,000	April, 2001
Local P-16 Councils	100,000	March, 2001
Total Recommended Allocations	\$ 1,550,000	
Total Allocations	<u>\$ 5,821,000</u>	